The time taken for clearance of the project depends upon the promptness with which the State Government comply with the observations of the Central appraising agencies. Irrigation being a State subject, the irrigation projects are planned, formulated, executed and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their priorities.

Water flow in Yamuna

†1509. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that very little water is left in Yamuna in Mathura, the sacred place of pilgrimage in the country;

(b) whether Government have formulated any plan to ensure that there is continuous flow of water in Yamuna;

(c) if so, the detailed outlines in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) During the last five years there has been minimum available flow of the order of 10 cumecs observed in river Yamuna of Mathura as per records available with Central Water Commission.

(b) to (d) Uttar Pradesh Irrigation Department have informed that water is being released downstream of Okhla in Delhi to enable flow in the river.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.